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1. SUMMARY. NEITHER SPANISH ISSUE NOR ANY OTHER POLITICAL ISSUES SURFACED DURING SUBJECT CONFERENCE. SHIPOWNERS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT CONFERENCE TO HOLD MEETINGS OF "TECHNICAL SECTION" OF THEIR MEMBERS ON STEERING COMMITTEE BUT IN FORM WHICH DID NOT DRAW FURTHER CRITICISM FROM USSR GOVERNMENT (REFTEL). CONFERENCE MARKED BY EMPHASIS ON WORKING SESSIONS OF COMMITTEES; PLENARY SESSIONS WERE MINIMAL AND LARGELY FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPORTS OF THE FIVE COMMITTEES. A RESOLUTION ON INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNING BODY AT ITS NOVEMBER SESSION. END SUMMARY.
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2. SHIPOWNERS' TECHNICAL MEETINGS. SHIPOWNERS HAD SECOND THOUGHTS AFTER OCTOBER 14 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING WHEN THEY AGREED THAT THEIR MEMBERS ON STEERING COMMITTEE WOULD MEET PRIVATELY (REFTEL). INTENDING TO AVOID PRECEDENT WHICH SOVIETS MIGHT CITE AT OTHER ILO MEETINGS, SHIPOWNERS DECIDED NOT TO ASK STEERING COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL OF THEIR "TECHNICAL SECTION" BUT SIMPLY TO NOTIFY CONFERENCE THROUGH DAILY SCHEDULE THAT THESE MEETINGS WERE TAKING PLACE. SOVIETS DID NOT CHALLENGE THIS PROCEDURE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THESE NOTICES APPEARED FOR REMAINDER OF CONFERENCE IN DAILY CONFERENCE SCHEDULES.

3. THE DETAILED ACTIONS ON EACH OF THE AGENDA ITEMS FOLLOW:
A. AGENDA ITEM 1: INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS IN THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY TOOK THE FORM OF A RESOTION. THIS WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY AND WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNING BODY IN NOVEMBER.
B. AGENDA ITEM 2: HOLIDAYS WITH PAY TOOK THE FORM OF A RECOMMENDED CONVENTION. THE AMOUNT OF THE MINIMUM SPECIFIED LEAVE PROVISION REMAINS FOR AGREE-MENT IN 1976 SICE IT WAS DISPUTED AMONG GHE GROUPS.
C. AGENDA ITEM 3: PROTECTION OF YOUNG SEAFARERS TOOK THE FORM OF A PROPOSAL FOR A RECOMMENDATION, AND WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.
D. AGENDA ITEM 4: CONTINUITY OF EMPLOYMENT TOOK THE FORM OF A PROPOSED CONVENTION AND WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. A SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATION WILL BE CONSIDERED IN 1976.
E. AGENDA ITEM 5: SUBSTANDARD VESSELS WAS THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE. WHILE PROGRESS WAS MADE IN DEVELOPMENT OF SUBSTANTIVE PROVISIONS, THESE MAY BE SUBJECT TO MUCH FURTHER DISCUSSION. IN ADDITION, THE FORM OF THE INSTRUMENT REMAINS FOR DETERMINATION. TWO RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO SUBSTANDARD SHIPS WERE ALSO ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE, ONE FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE 1976 CONFERENCE. THE SECOND, WHICH WILL GO THE THE GOVERNING BODY (PROBABLY IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FEBURARY), CALLS FOR INITATION OF AN ILO STUDY OF "PROVISIONS CONCERNING SOCIAL SECURITY AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ... APPLIED ON BOARD FLAGS-OF-CONVIENCE SHIPS." THE LATTER WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. COMMENT: ALL MEMBERS OF THE US DELEGATION PLAYED ACTIVE ROLES IN SUBJECT CONFERENCE INCLUDING POSITIONS

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AS OFFICERS ON SEVERAL COMMITTEES. THE CONDUCT AND
CONTENT OF THE MEETINGS WERE ENTIRELY GERMANE TO THE
PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE. THE RESULTS MAY BE VIEWED
AS CONSTRUCTIVE AND PROVIDING ADEQUATE BASES FOR
CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS AT 1976 CONFERENCE. ABRAMS

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